

Regular Meeting of City Council
August 6th 1844

Council called to order at 8 o'clock
W. Mayor DeGress in the chair

Roll called and the following members answered
Alderman Duffenbaugh, James Maas, Robinson
andithers

Absent Alderman Fremond, Cook,
Larmon, Taylor, Stand. No quorum
On motion of Alderman James the council
adjourned

Approved August 15th 1844
John H. Stark
City Clerk

Called Meeting of City Council
August 15th 1844

Council called to order at 7 o'clock P.M.
Mayor DeGress in the chair

Roll called and the following members answered
Alderman James, Maas, Robinson, Taylor, Stand
andithers

Absent Alderman Fremond, Cook, Duffenbaugh
and Larmon

For our present
The minutes of the meetings of July 21st and
August 6th was read and approved

Alderman Fremond and Duffenbaugh came
in and answered and took their seats

Petition of Chief Engineer of Fire Department
asking that the City Council set aside and
donate to the Fire Department Four 13 blocks
in the new addition to the City Cemetery as a
burial place for deceased Firemen

On motion of Alderman Duffenbaugh the
petition was referred to the Cemetery Committee

Petition of George Cook and brother to
state that some time since the City Council

passed a resolution, to put the room formerly used as the Mayor's Court room in proper condition for a meeting room for Washington Fire Co. and No. 16 Cook & Ladder Co. and as said company have no place for holding their meetings they ask that the resolution of the council be carried out at the earliest day.

On motion of Alderman James the petition was referred to a special Committee of three with power to act.

Alderman James Moaco and Drennan were appointed on the Committee.

Petition of Jose Barrera stating that his wife is very sick and has been so for a long time and that he is poor and unable to furnish her with the medical aid she requires. That she has a brother near San Antonio who is in good circumstances and will take care of her. and asks the city to appropriate Fifteen dollars to pay her expenses to San Antonio.

Alderman Taylor moved that the Mayor be authorized to pay Mrs. Barrera's fare to San Antonio to attend.

Petition of J. M. Tibank asking that the sum of \$31.25, expended by him in filling up a hole at the corner of Live Oak and Trinity streets be refunded him.

On motion of Alderman Moaco the petition was laid on the table.

Petition of Flora Branchedi stating that she is the proprietress of the Old Bon Restaurant. That she is, and has been, for some time very sick, and in consequence compelled to suspend business that she is indebted to the City for license, and is unable to pay the city at the present time and asking that the time for payment be extended to the middle of September.

On motion of Alderman Taylor the petition was granted.

Petition of Jones & Erwin asking a Lease of the old Mill Property for Foundry purposes.

On motion of Alderman James the petition was laid over for future action.

Petition of L. A. Derry stating that he had paid Manning Treacle 10⁰⁰ for a coffin to bury a poor dead woman and asking that the amount be refunded him.

On motion of Alderman Robinson the Mayor
... to pay Mr. Derry the sum of Ten dollars

The Mayor submitted the following
report To the honorable Board of Alderman of the
City of Austin

Itemized

I have the honor to call your
attention to the quarterly reports of the City Assessor
and Collector and treasurer. The amount of collections
since June 10th 1877 is \$3423.90 as shown by the report of
the Assessor and Collector Money paid out by the City
briewen amount to \$9,081.02 of which \$4245- was paid
for interest on the bonded debt of the City, \$1000- on
principal and \$37.50 for interest on warrant 710638. also
\$300- interest has been paid on warrant 710639. the principal
and one years interest on warrant 639 is not due until March
30th 1878. The report of the City Clerk will show all
other disbursements on vouchers and the regular monthly
expenses of the City.

My attention has been called to the uncleanly
condition of the City by the health inspector and citizens
generally. The only way in my opinion to remedy this evil
and place the City in a good sanitary condition is by the
construction of a sewer. The Alley immediately east of
Congress Avenue seems to be the most desirable and
practicable to locate such sewer, the head of which
should be located upon the premises where the County
buildings are situated, and to be carried to the Colorado
river. The sewer should be built deep enough so as to
enable the City to have smaller sewers constructed from
different parts of the City, running to the main sewer.

The County is interested in this improvement, as their
sewage and the filth accumulating in their cesspools have
to be emptied, and this should be done without detriment
to the health of our citizens. So far the County has been
unable to do this, but on the contrary, this emptying and
cleaning process has not only been annoying and offensive
to the citizens living near the County buildings and the
streets through which this filth was handled but they have
actually been compelled to remove their families in the
middle of the night to avoid the dangerous and sickening
odors.

The County could save thousands of dollars by
assisting in the construction of this sewer and it is
believed the Commissioners will cheerfully aid the

City in this enterprise so necessary to best.

I would therefore suggest that your honorable body meet and consult with the honorable County Court (now in session) regarding this matter, also request the citizens to appoint a committee for the purpose of assisting your honorable body and the honorable County Court in raising funds for the construction of said sewer and begin work as soon as practicable.

When the Legislature meets the City Council and the County Court could represent to that honorable body the benefits to be derived by the State, by the extension of said sewer to the sinks etc on the Capitol grounds, and if assistance be granted by the Legislature the sewer could be extended north of the Capitol and thereby give the City complete drainage with but little additional expense.

I have the honor to state that an estimate for a stone sewer $2\frac{1}{2} \times 5$ -ft. has been given me estimating the cost of such sewer at \$15000. I have also requested parties to make estimates for a sewer of earthen pipe but have so far failed.

The streets of the City are in a very bad condition. East Pecan street has no regularly paved gutters and it is therefore impossible to keep them in a clean and healthy state. The Water Company has very ^{strictly} ~~strictly~~ ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{regularly} permitted the City to use their water to flush and clean the gutters on Congress Avenue and Pecan Street; and although the gutters have been flushed and swept on both streets and the fith taken out, still on East Pecan street within 12 hours they were as bad as ever. I most respectfully recommend that the owners of property on this street be required and directed to at once have their gutters (see Ord 545) under the direction of the City Engineer, and that he be directed to establish grades and levels without delay.

The business men of this street would not be the only beneficiaries by this improvement but the sanitary condition of the city would be much improved.

All the improvements of the street have as yet been made with the money of the city, no money having been expended.

Bonds to the amount of \$2000 - have been sold and warrant \$70638. with interest at six per cent issued in March 1875 amounting in all to \$1984¹⁰ has been taken up and cancelled, the interest on Warrant \$70639 amounting to three hundred dollars has also been paid. These interests bearing warrants were issued to the Silky Manufacturing Company for the purchase of 1000 ft. of

Engines,

A resolution passed February 10th 1876 directs the City Marshal to take charge of the City Cards &c &c which in my opinion is in conflict with amended Article 9 section 1 of the amendments to the city charter which makes the city engineer also street commissioner

The City Marshal in attending to the duties of his office has all he can properly attend to. I therefore recommend that said resolution be repealed

The interest due July 1st 1877 on the bonded debt of the City has been paid

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
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Austin July 31st 1877

On motion the report of the Mayor was received

On motion of Alderman Braxton that part of the mayor's report relating to sewerage was referred to a committee consisting of the whole council

Alderman Taylor moved that a committee of two be appointed to confer with the County commissioners regarding sewerage and invite the Commissioners to meet with the city Council at the Council chamber at such time as would be convenient to them, for the purpose of devising some plan by which the City and County could unite in making this much needed improvement Carried

Alderman Taylor and Ward were appointed on the Committee

On motion of Alderman Ward ~~seconded~~ that part of the report regarding the condition of the gutters on East Pecan street was referred to the Committee on Streets with instructions to devise some plan for their improvement and report at next meeting

Alderman Taylor moved that the resolution passed February 10th 1876 directing that the City Marshal to take charge of the City Cards and Prisoners working on the public streets be repealed Carried

Alderman Taylor moved that the mayor be authorized to purchase for the use of the city. One Plow, One Harrow, One Double tree, Two single trees with the necessary hardware. Two horses to work the same Carried

Mayor Office Austin Texas
August 15th 1874

To the

Hon Board of Aldermen City of Austin
Gentlemen

I have the honor to submit herewith the recommendations of the following persons.

J D Golding, D H Poirier, J H. Cotton, Joseph O'Brien, Jas K. Farrell, and C H Roarty, who are applicants for Policemen, there being a ready occasion by the resignation of Officer Grimes; for your action.

The Council took the petitions of the above named persons and referred to the City Clerk's Office and on their return presented the name of Joseph O'Brien as their choice, whereupon the mayor nominated Joseph O'Brien as Police Officer who was confirmed by the council.

The Mayor nominated the following persons as special Police and asked their confirmation.

Frank White, Richard Phillips, S H Bill and Zachariah Egge.

On motion of Alderman Taylor the nominations were confirmed.

The Mayor stated to council that in many cases coming before his Bench it was necessary to procure the services of an Interpreter and asked that authority for payment of such services.

On motion of Alderman Premond the matter of employing an Interpreter was referred to ordinance committee.

Alderman Premond moved that a notice be published in the City papers three times requesting the Citizens to report any improper conduct on the part of any of the regular or special police officers, carried

James Simms and Jas K. Farrell presented accounts for services as special Police Officers for two days during the strike, amounting to \$2⁰⁰ each.

On motion of Alderman Premond the accounts were ordered paid.

B McAnally & Son presented account for \$2⁰⁰ for furnishing one pair of scales furnished to City for a payper.

On motion of Alderman Premond the account was ordered paid.

The Mayor presented and had read to Council the decisions of the Brown County Court which declared

that portion of the amendments to the city charter which was adopted by a vote of the people at the last general election which fixes the salary of the Mayor at \$6000 per annum to be null and void.

That the Mayor is only entitled to a salary of \$6000 per annum and such fees as are allowed by law.

Also an account for fees claims to be due him from cases in Mayor's Court during the month of July 1877, and requested the council to take such action regarding his fees in cases in Mayor's Court as they may deem proper.

On motion of Alderman Bremond the motion of Mayor's Fees was referred to a special Committee of three.

Aldermen Bremond, Hard and Moore were appointed on the Committee.

Report of Special Committee

To the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin

Your Committee appointed to consider the merits of the petition of Charles Martin and Henry Van most respectfully submit that it be granted and that Charles Martin and Henry Van be allowed license to retail liquor within the City of Austin without the payment for said license for the term of three months.

Respectfully

S. B. Witter

Daniel A. James

On motion of Alderman Bremond the report of the Committee was laid on the table.

The Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to employ Council to defend the suit now pending against him and other City officers and fixing the legality of the amendments to the city charter which passed its second reading on the 1st of July was taken up and read the third time.

On motion of Alderman Bremond further action was postponed to next meeting.

By Ordinance Committee. An Ordinance regulating the occupation of Streets and Alleys during the Erective, Repairing or Tearing down of Buildings.

The Ordinance was read.

Alderman Bremond moved to amend Section 2 by inserting in the last line after the last word (Engaged) the following. "Shows the consent of the persons or persons

owning or controlling the adjoining premises.

The ordinance as amended passed to its second reading.

Alderman Ward moved to suspend the rules and put the ordinance on its second reading.

The Yeas and Nays ordered and the motion to suspend the rules carried by the following vote.

Yea Alderman Brummond, Daffernbaugh, James
Moore, Robinson, Taylor, Ward and Stithers
Nays None

The ordinance was read the second time and passed to its third reading.

Alderman Ward moved to further suspend the rules and put the ordinance on its third reading.

The motion to further suspend the rules and put the ordinance on its third reading carried by the following vote.

Yea Alderman Brummond, Daffernbaugh
James, Moore, Robinson, Taylor Ward and Stithers
Nays None

The ordinance was read the third time.

Alderman Ward moved that the ordinance do pass the Yeas and Nays Ordered and the ordinance passed by the following vote.

Yea Alderman Brummond, Daffernbaugh
James, Moore, Robinson, Taylor, Ward and Stithers
Nays None

By ordinance Committee. An Ordinance
Regulating and Fixing the Salary of Policemen of the city
of Austin.

The ordinance was read.

On motion of Alderman Brummond the ordinance was referred to Police Committee.

The Mayor stated to council that frequent ~~complaints~~
complaints were made by persons owning licensed vehicles
that they were greatly injured in their business by those
that did not pay for license and asked Council to
take action in the premises.

On motion of Alderman Brummond the matter
was referred to the ordinance Committee.

The Mayor also informed the council that certain
property purchased by the City at the delinquent tax sale
had been leased on by certain parties claiming to hold
a judgment against the City.

On motion of Alderman Brumond the matter was referred to the City Attorney for investigation and report.

On motion the time for holding the next meeting of the Council was fixed at 7 o'clock P.M.

On motion the Council adjourned

John F. Erhart
City Clerk

Approved

August 21st 1874.

Called Meeting of City Council August 21st 1874

Council called to order at 8.30 P.M.
Mayor De Gress in the chair

Roll called and the following members answered
Alderman Cook. Duffettong? James. Laramore. Hoad
Robinson Taylor and others

Absent Alderman Brumond and Ward
Gorum present

The Journal of Meeting of August 15th was read and approved.

Alderman Mathews moved a call of the Council be postponed and the Marshal was directed to bring in the absentees

Alderman Brumond came in answered and took his seat

On motion of Alderman Robinson the call of the Council was suspended.

The following communication was presented by the Mayor.

Austin, Texas August 21st 1874
Hon. J. W. Clegg